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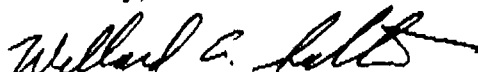
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The federal case against the Microsoft Corporation is without merit. The Justice Department's litigation against Microsoft has served only to attack the principles of free enterprise that spur productivity. I believe that settling this issue is in the best interests of this nation and I would urge the Dept. of Justice to enact the settlement swiftly.

The details of the settlement agreement contain many changes brought forth by Microsoft in an attempt to resolve the issue. Microsoft will now disclose the protocols and design interfaces of the Windows system. The result of this change will be that developers will more readily be able to design software that is compatible with the Windows system. I believe that consumers and developers will both benefit from these changes.

The Justice Department should realize the benefits of enacting this settlement.

Sincerely,



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